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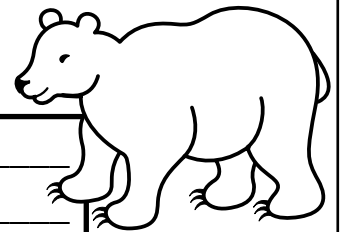
Is a Koala a Bear?

Read the paragraph below. Then use it to complete the chart that follows it.

Did you know that many people mistakenly call koalas “koala bears”? But koalas are not bears! Koalas live only in Australia. Bears live on every continent except Australia, Antarctica, and Africa. While both mammals have fur-covered bodies and claws, female koalas have pouches on the underside of their bodies. They carry their babies in their pouches. Bears do not have pouches. Finally, koalas eat only eucalyptus leaves. Bears eat plants, fish, and meat.

Koalas

Bears



How are they alike?

Four horizontal lines for writing the similarities between koalas and bears.

How are they different?

Eight horizontal lines for writing the differences between koalas and bears (left column).

Eight horizontal lines for writing the differences between koalas and bears (right column).